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1. Bulgaria reportedly produces 30 tons of crude oil per day. The Bulgarians approached the Yugoslavs with a request to have Bulgarian oil refined in Yugoslavia. The Yugoslavs refused with the excuse that Bulgarian crude oil is very heavy and fatty and not suitable for Yugoslav refineries.
2. [redacted] one of the real reasons for Yugoslav refusal to refine Bulgarian oil was Yugoslav concern that the U.S. would be displeased.
3. The Soviets are not showing any interest in Bulgarian oil. Meantime, the Bulgarians are having difficulty obtaining workers in Bulgarian oil-fields because of a Bulgarian Government decree which requires last year's oil-field workers to rebate a considerable portion of the high salaries, 200 Leva per day, which they earned.

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